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## Highlights

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### LEADING THE NEWS

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#### Coastal States' Approaches to Fluorinated Chemicals Converge (1)

By Sylvia Carignan

West Coast states have focused on getting a family of ubiquitous chemicals out of pizza boxes and popcorn bags, but are starting to turn their attention to East Coast states' top priority: limiting the contaminants in drinking water.

#### EPA Adviser Draws Ire for Seeking Change to Air Quality Reviews

By Amena H. Saiyid

Some scientists are alarmed the chairman of the EPA's clean air science advisory committee wants to adopt an approach they say goes against widely accepted and vetted scientific practices.

### **EPA Must Develop Plans for Chemical Facilities, Groups Say**

By Peter Hayes

A coalition of environmental groups seeks to compel the EPA to issue regulations mandating that chemical facilities develop plans to prevent, mitigate and respond to spills of hazardous substances.

### **After Houston Fire, Danger Grows as Benzene Clouds Shut Suburb**

By Joe Carroll and Ben Foldy

Now that the four-day fire is out at a Houston-area chemical storage complex, the real danger has emerged.

## **CHEMICALS**

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### **Industry Advisers Back EPA Strategy on Chemical Vetting (2)**

By Pat Rizzuto

The EPA's strategy to include groups of similar chemicals and chemicals for which there is readily available information should help save time as it sorts through 40 chemicals this year, according to chemical industry advisers.

### **Roundup Case Signals Trouble Ahead for Chemical Companies (1)**

By Sylvia Carignan

Manufacturers of glyphosate like BASF, Syngenta, and DowDuPont are likely to face increased pressure to warn consumers of the health risks of their products, particularly in the wake of Bayer AG's loss in a trial over claims its Roundup weed killer causes cancer, an environmental consultant said.

## Roundup Judge Loosens His Grip on Monsanto Ghosts Haunting Bayer

By Joel Rosenblatt

To understand the depth of Bayer AG's reversal of fortune in the trial over its Roundup weed killer, one need look no further than the judge handling the proceeding.

## There's No Proof Roundup Causes Cancer But Questions Linger

By Lydia Mulvany

The world's regulators agree that the active ingredient in popular weedkiller Roundup is unlikely to cause cancer. Yet manufacturer Bayer AG keeps losing in court to plaintiffs who say it gave them the disease.

## Houston Chemical Blaze Probe Weighed by Federal Investigator

By Rachel Adams-Heard and Ben Foldy

Federal and local investigators are weighing a probe of the Houston chemical blaze as hazardous compounds waft near the burned-out site.

## **CLIMATE**

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### Large Manufacturers Want Focus, Funds to Cut Heat-Related Carbon

By Abby Smith

Some of the biggest U.S. manufacturers want to ramp up attention, investment, and support for cutting carbon from heating and cooling, which they say is critical to meeting their climate and clean energy targets.

## **AIR, WATER, WASTE**

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### EPA Contractors Face Cleanup Claims Over Gold King Mine Spill

By Peter Hayes

EPA contractors failed to beat back claims by states, private property owners, and the Navajo Nation over the 2015 Gold King mine spill allegedly triggered by their negligence.

## **ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES**

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### **Environmental Groups Sue Interior Over Endangered Species Docs**

By Rebecca Kern

Environmental groups are suing the Interior Department for allegedly dragging its feet in responding to the groups' requests for public records about how the agency is managing its list of protected endangered species in the southeastern U.S.

### **Buffett's Nevada Utility Says Cheaper Clean Energy on the Way**

By Brenna Goth

Nevada's biggest electric provider is pitching a renewable energy program executives said will save casinos and other major companies money amid the potential departure of more corporate customers.

### **FERC to Review Utility Return on Equity, Transmission Incentives**

By Stephen Cunningham

FERC seeks comments on potential improvements to its electric transmission incentives policy, according to an inquiry opened at its monthly meeting March 21.

### **Pebble Mine Comment Period Not Changing Yet, Army Corps Says**

By Stephen Lee

The Army Corps of Engineers hasn't heard any "compelling" reasons to extend the comment period for a massive planned gold and copper mine in Alaska, an agency spokesman told reporters March 20.

## Senators to Examine National Renewable Energy Mandate, Aide Says

By Dean Scott

The Senate energy committee in April will wade back into the debate over a single U.S. mandate for wind, solar, and other renewable energy use—a requirement that has eluded supporters for more than a decade.

## Pacific Cod Plan Improperly Favors Two Alaskan Communities

By Daniel Seiden

The National Marine Fishery Service must revamp its plan for managing Pacific cod in the Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands archipelago, a federal court ruled.

## Traders Can Now Spot Oil Refinery Problems by Tracking Phones

By Aaron Clark

In the \$40 trillion global oil-trading market, the smallest clue can be worth millions.

## NHL's Tampa Bay Lightning Loses Gulf Spill Appeal (Corrected)

By Steven M. Sellers

A \$788,123.66 award by a claims administrator to the Tampa Bay Lightning ice hockey team for economic damages stemming from the Deepwater Horizon oil spill will stand, a federal appeals court ruled.

## NBA Champion David West Loses \$1.5M BP Oil Spill Award

By Porter Wells

Two-time NBA Champion David West isn't entitled to the \$1.5 million the Deepwater Horizon settlement fund awarded him because he didn't lose any income from the 2010 oil spill, the Fifth Circuit said March 20.

## CEO of a Fuel Cell Company Doesn't Believe in Fuel Cell Cars (Correct)

By David R. Baker

Fuel cells have no more passionate an advocate than Bloom Energy Corp. Chief Executive Officer K.R. Sridhar, whose company makes power generators with them and tirelessly touts their ability to produce clean energy.

## Energy Panel's Tonko Sets Guideposts for Climate Legislation

By Abby Smith

The head of a House energy subcommittee unveiled a set of climate policy principles March 21, sketching out in broad terms what he believes any climate legislation should incorporate.

## **FROM THE STATES**

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### Maine Aims to Double Number of Electric Cars on the Road (1)

By Adrienne Appel

Maine plans to offer incentives to nearly double the number of electric vehicles in the state over the next few years, Gov. Janet Mills (D) announced March 21.

### California Tells NASA to Stay the Course on Santa Susana Cleanup

By Emily C. Dooley

The tug-of-war over cleaning up a former nuclear research and rocket testing facility in California's Simi Valley continued March 20, with the state telling NASA officials it intended to hold them accountable for cleaning up contaminants at the site.

### Connecticut Plan Could Limit Projects in Long Island Sound

By Adrienne Appel

Connecticut released a plan to protect Long Island Sound that could lead to some restrictions on development in the rich estuary being eyed by wind developers and fish farms.

## **ALL ABOUT: Growing Avocados in Saltier Water**

By Emily C. Dooley

Temperature extremes brought on by climate change can damage avocado trees, but so can the very water used to irrigate the delicious crop.

## **AROUND THE GLOBE**

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### **Shell Joins Bidders for \$1.7 Billion Dutch Offshore Wind Contest**

By Jeremy Hodges

Royal Dutch Shell Plc is among a group of turbine manufacturers and utilities vying for a piece of an offshore wind farm in the Netherlands that may cost 1.5 billion euros (\$1.7 billion) to develop.

### **UBS Drops Financing of New Coal Plants in Carbon Drive**

By Ross Larsen

UBS Group AG will stop providing project-level financing for any new coal plants as the Swiss bank strengthens its environmentally friendly policies.

### **Brexit Is Said Likely to Delay Handout of U.K. Pollution Credits**

By Mathew Carr

Britain's effort to delay its departure from the European Union probably means that U.K. polluters will have to wait to get their hands on 2.6 billion euros (\$3 billion) of emission allowances, according to a person familiar with the U.K. government position.

### **Explosion Levels Benzene Chemical Plant on China East Coast (1)**

By Michael Standaert

An explosion at a plant producing benzene and other chemical substances near China's coastal city of Yancheng, Jiangsu province, has killed at least six people and injured 30, according to the state-run Xinhua News Agency.

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